

NEWSLETTER # 39

Hi Fans,

We checked with the company that's handling the Carpenter buckle to discover the reason for delivery hold up. They told us there's been some shortages (so what else is new?) and promised delivery by the end of September. (Promises, promises). As we go to print they still have not arrived. Hope your patience hasn't worn thin. I'm sure you'll be pleased with them when you see them and might even decide to order another one to give to a friend for Christmas. And speaking of Christmas, we are having a Christmas sale this year on some of the Carpenter keepsakes. Gold key chains are being reduced to \$2.50, Charm bracelets to \$2.00, Book Covers 5 for \$1.50 (sold in lots of 5 only) and Patches 5 for \$3.50 (sold in lots of 5 only). We also have a new supply of the single MERRY CHRISTMAS DARLING for \$1.25 each. Prices of these items to foreign countries are: Gold Key Chains \$3.00, Charm Bracelets \$2.25, Book Covers 5 for \$3.00 (sold in lots of 5 only), and Patches 5 for \$3.50 (sold in lots of 5 only). Merry Christmas Darling is \$1.75. We have good news for Needlepoint Lovers. In time for Christmas ordering we are offering Needlepoint Kits. These will include the canvass, yarn, needle, instructions and pattern. The design, of course, will be the beautiful CARPENTER logo. There will be a choice of three sets of yarn colors - Yellow & Orange or Navy Blue & Red or 2 shades of green. The kits will come in two sizes - a framing size (10" x 10") or belt size (36" x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "). Framing size can be used as a patch to adorn shirts, blouses, jeans, purses, etc. Belt size can be made into any length and used for guitar straps as well as belts. Price of the kits is \$5.00 per kit. When ordering please state your choice of color as well as choice of size, Belt size or Framing size. Please place your orders early so we can send your merchandise in plenty of time for Christmas.

Heartfelt thanks from the staff and Mr. Saunders for the messages of sympathy for Lois. Thank you also for the messages of congratulations to K & R on their Boston Pops performance. NOTE TO FAN CLUB MEMBERS: WHEN MOVING, BE SURE TO SEND US YOUR NEW ADDRESS AS WELL AS YOUR OLD ADDRESS. AND DON'T FORGET YOUR NEW ZIP CODE. R & K's stay at Tahoe was rather uneventful. They enjoyed the smog free air, the lovely green surroundings and boating on beautiful Lake Tahoe. Will devote remainder of newsletter to answering some of the questions which have been pouring in.

- Q. Does Karen use certain drum patterns when playing drums or does she just "do her own thing"?  
A. Mostly just does her own thing.  
Q. What was the first song Richard ever wrote and when?  
A. "I Don't Know What To Do" in 1961  
Q. What are some of the points Richard looks for when selecting songs to record?  
A. Strong melody and lyric line and how much public appeal it will have.  
Q. Does the size of guitar influence the tone of music?  
A. Electric guitar will get a rounder sound than a hollow body. Both can get a wide variety of sounds.  
Q. How do you choose the size guitar you want?  
A. We leave that up to the guitarist we choose.  
Q. What size guitar produces the best sound?  
A. Standard size, hollow body.  
Q. What year did Richard write Flat Baroque?  
A. 1966  
Q. Who are their favorite singers?  
A. Anthony Newley, Neil Diamond, Mel Torme, Ella Fitzgerald and Glen Campbell.  
Q. What is the instrument on top of your electric piano?  
A. A synthesizer. It is totally electric and all sounds are electronically made.  
Q. What brand instruments and equipment do you prefer?  
A. Ludwig Drums, Fender Bass, Kustom Amps, Hammond Organ, Wurlitzer Electric Piano, Baldwin Grand Piano, Shure Microphones.  
Q. Is Karen still playing guitar?  
A. Not professionally. Just for her own amusement.  
Q. Which songs did they play in the 1965 Battle of the Bands?  
A. Two jazz numbers - "Iced Tea" composed by Richard and The Girl From Ipenema.  
Q. How does Doug amplify his clarinet?  
A. It is plugged into a MAESTRO UNIT which can make a clarinet or sax sound like each other.  
Q. Do K & R produce any records other than their own?  
A. No.

- Q. Do either of them have hobbies?  
 A. K does beautiful needlepoint. R likes to listen to records & read about old cars.
- Q. When will they appear on TV again?  
 A. If all goes well they will appear on the Perry Como Show as Special as guests. Plans are tentative and could be changed.
- Q. Is it true that Karen uses some sort of machine to make her voice sound better or louder?  
 A. All she has ever used is a microphone.
- Q. Do most of K & R's relatives live in the eastern part of the U.S.?  
 A. Most of their Mom's relatives live there. Their Dad's relatives reside in England, Canada, and Australia.
- Q. Has their album CARPENTERS GOLDEN PRIZE ever been released in the U.S.?  
 A. No. Both Volume I & II are put out by King Records of Japan and will not be released in the U.S.
- Q. Will K & R put out a Christmas Album this year?  
 A. No, Time does not permit.
- Q. Are they superstitious?  
 A. No.
- Q. What is the best way to get good seats for a concert?  
 A. Mail order. Send check or money order to the box office of the theater where they will appear.
- Q. Did Richard play accordian before he started piano lessons?  
 A. Yes, briefly, but he didn't care for accordian.
- Q. On the inner sleeve of the album A SONG FOR YOU the bluebird on the calender is in front of June 11. Is there a significance to that?  
 A. No.
- Q. How long has Karen been playing drums?  
 A. Since her high school days. She started by playing snare in the high school band.
- Q. Has Karen ever been criticized for playing an instrument that men usually play?  
 A. No. She has received numerous compliments from male drummers and has been the incentive for other girls to take up drumming.
- Q. Have Karen & Richard been in any movies?  
 A. They have made no appearances in movies but they did sing the theme song of BLESS THE BEASTS AND CHILDREN throughout the movie of the same name.
- Q. When did John Bettis start writing songs with Richard?  
 A. When they worked in Disneyland together. 1966
- Q. If I move out of the country will I still be a fan club member? Can I still buy Keepsakes?  
 A. Yes. Be sure to send us your new address as well as your old. Keepsakes will be slightly higher due to the higher cost of overseas postage.
- Q. Does Karen have pierced ears?  
 A. No.
- Q. Do K & R have nicknames for each other?  
 A. No.
- Q. Please give me a list of all CARPENTER music books now available thru the fan club and a brief description of each. \$3.25 ↗
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| A. CLOSE TO YOU & TICKET TO RIDE - 54 pages, 5 B&W pics, 3 page bio, colored pic both covers | \$3.25 |
| SONGS FROM THEIR TV SERIES - 65 pages, 9 B&W pics, small colored pic each cover              | \$4.00 |
| CARPENTERS - 48 pages, 24 B & W pics, 1 page write-up, colored pic back cover                | \$4.00 |
| A SONG FOR YOU - 52 pages, 1 page bio, 4 full page & 2 small colored pics                    | \$4.25 |
| NOW & THEN - 60 pages, 10 colored pics, colored fold-out cover (like album)                  | \$4.25 |
| THE SINGLES - 52 pages, brief history of each song, full page pic inside cover               | \$4.25 |
| CARPENTERS GOLD - 140 pages, 1 page write-up, 8 colored pics                                 | \$7.50 |
| GOLDEN HITS OF THE CARPENTERS (for organ) 77 pages, colored pic on front cover               | \$4.00 |
| BRADLEY'S BEST OF THE BEST (for piano) - 31 pages, no pics.                                  | \$2.25 |
- Q. How many of their records have hit gold & how many gold records now hang on their walls?  
 A. 9 singles and 5 albums hit gold. They each receive a gold record from A & M and also from RIAA. They have also received gold records from Japan, the United Kingdom, Australia, and The Netherlands plus 2 platinum records each from The Netherlands. They now have a total of 84 gold records plus 4 platinum records. They also received a gold cassette and silver cartridge from the United Kingdom.
- ... your questions pouring in. Sooner or later we'll answer them in a Newsletter.  
 More in December